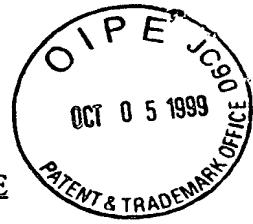


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SIR:

Responsive to the Final Rejection of January 25, 1999, and supplementing the Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 filed June 25, 1999, please consider the following.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17-24 are in the case.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 stand withdrawn from consideration as not reading on the elected invention, subject to be rejoined upon allowance of elected Claims 17-24. Such rejoinder under MPEP §821.04 is now requested.

Claims 17-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over DeHaan, Mueller and the European Patent '596.